

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EVACUATION OF INDIAN WORKERS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flights operated by Indian Airlines, Air India and other Airlines to evacuate Indian stranded in Iraq and neighbouring countries following US invasion, location-wise and airlines-wise.

(b) the number of Indians evacuated from gulf and number of those who are still stranded;

(c) whether as a humane gesture the Government have decided to subsidise these flights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total subsidy to be borne by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):No evacuation of Indian citizen from Iraq and neighbouring areas has been undertaken as no such situation has arisen so far. However, during the period 18th March to 31st March, 2003, a total of 5705 passengers have been carried on Indian Airlines and Air India normal scheduled and extra section commercial flights from Kuwait on payment of normal fares.